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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN GRENADA

1. ON AUGUST 9 I PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO THE ACTING GOVERNOR
GENERAL OF GRENADA, MARIE JO MCINTYRE.

2. I HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER GAIRY. THE FIRST,
A BRIEF OFFICE CHAT DURING WHICH THE NEWLY-KNIGHTED SIR ERIC
TOLD ME OF HIS PLEASURE AT HIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON. HIS
ONLY COMPLAINT TO ME WAS TO EXPRESS UNHAPPINESS THAT GRENADA
WAS THE ONLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY IN THE CARIBBEAN NOT INCLUDED
ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SCHEDULE. I SAID I WOULD TRANSMIT HIS
FEELINGS BUT OFFERED NO ASSURANCE THE SCHEDULE COULD BE
CHANGED.

3. SIR ERIC ALSO HAD A LARGE DINNER IN MY HONOR. MEMBERS OF
HIS CABINET AND HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS ATTENDED. THE DINNER,
HELD AT GAIRY'S NIGHTCLUB THE "EVENING PALACE," LASTED OVER
FOUR HOURS WHICH PERMITTED SIR ERIC TO COMMENT AT LENGTH ON
THE FULL RANGE OF HIS INTERESTS. HE WAS IN TOP FORM AND DELIVERED
A LENGTHY ELOQUENT TOAST REITERATING GRENADA'S FRIENDSHIP
FOR U.S.

4. GRENADIAN OFFICIALS SEEMED VERY PLEASED THAT I HAD COME
TO GRENADA SO SOON AFTER MY ARRIVAL. NONETHELESS, THE SITUATION
IN GRENADA IS NOT ENCOURAGING. I PLAN TO RETURN AGAIN SOON
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FOR A LONGER STAY AND WE SHALL STEP UP VISITATION TO THE ISLAND
BY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF. AS A RESULT OF THESE VISITS
WE HOPE TO EVOLVE GUIDELINES FOR OUR FUTURE EFFORTS THERE.
FOR NOW IT APPEARS WE ARE OFF TO A GOOD START.
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